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LETTER DATED 21 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States forces stationed in the northern part of the Rumaila oilfield have prevented the Iraqi personnel who work there from taking the minimum measures to protect property of the Southern Oil Company from sabotage and theft. The United States forces have allowed saboteurs to commit premeditated acts of plunder and destruction, the latter having loaded dozens of large hauling vehicles without licence plates with cement, stocks, supplies and equipment belonging to the above-mentioned company; the vehicles then set out for an unknown destination, apparently Kuwait. Our belief that Kuwait is their destination is reinforced by the fact that the Americans have claimed that the property that was plundered before the eyes of the United States forces belongs to Kuwait. Preliminary estimates place the losses at around 18 million dinars.

These acts, which constitute a flagrant violation of Iraq's sovereignty, were committed with the premeditated aim of plundering Iraqi property. In bringing these acts to your attention, we lodge a most vehement protest against them. We await action on your part to put an end to such acts as required by the principles and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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